

#### MODERN METHOD TO MORSE CODE ST

Learn quickly and easily by this practical modern method how to send and receive ternational Morse Code — the language of radio operators everywhere.

You'll be amazed to find that spending just an hour a day for several weeks — lis and studying these lessons — will give you enough information to successfully pa Novice or General Amateur Class Code examinations!

#### INTERNATIONAL MORSE COD

#### ALPHABET

•-	A	di-dah
	В	dah-di-di-dit
San built a self		
	C	dah-di-dah-dit
	D	dah-di-dit
•	E	dit
•••	F	di-di-dah-dit
	G	dah-dah-dit
• • • •	H	di-di-di-dit
• •	I	di-dit .
.===	J	di-dah-dah-dah
	K	dah-di-dah
	L	di-dah-di-dit
	M	dah-dah
	N	dah-dit
	0	dah-dah-dah
	P	
	7	di-dah-dah-dit
	Q	dah-dah-di-dah
	R	di-dah-dit
•••	S	di-di-dit
	T	dah
	U	di-di-dah
•••-	V	di-di-dah
	W	di-dah-dah
	X	dah-di-di-dah
	Y	dah-di-dah-dah
	- F - 194	uan-ur-uan-uan

dah-dah-di-dit

#### NUMERALS

•	1	di-dah-dah-dah		6	dah-di-di-dit
• • mm mm mm	2	di-di-dah-dah-dah		7	dah-dah-di-di-dit
• • • • • • •	3	di-di-dah-dah	1000 NATE AND 0 0	8	dah-dah-dah-di-dit
	4	di-di-di-dah		9	dah-dah-dah-dah-d
	5	di-di-di-dit		Ø	dah-dah-dah-dah-da
(Note that th	e nume	ral # (zero) is always written with	a diagonal stroke, to differentia	te it fro	m the letter "O".)

#### PUNCTUATION MARKS

	/ Period (.) ==	di-dah-di-dah
	Comma	dah-dah-di-di-dah-dah
• • • • •	Question Mark (?) -	di-di-dah-dah-di-dit
	<b>✓</b> Double Dash (=) <b>✓</b>	da <mark>h-d</mark> i-di-dah
	Hyphen (-)	dah-di-di-di-dah
	Parentheses()	dah-di-dah-dah-di-dah
	Colon (:)	dah-dah-dah-di-dit
	Semicolon (;)	dah-di-dah-dit
0 mm 0	Decimal Point (.)	di-dah-dit
0 mm 0 0 mm 0	Quotation Marks (")	di-dah-di-dah-dit
	Error Sign (X)	di-di-di-di-di-dit
0 mas mil mas mas 0	Apostrophe (')	di-dah-dah-dah-dit
	✓ Fraction Bar	dah-di-di-dah-dit
***	Dollar Sign (\$)	di-di-di-dah-di-dah

	SPECIAL SIGNAL	S
1	International Distress Call (SOS)	di-di-di-dah-dah-di-di-
/	End of Message (AR)	di-dah-di-dah-dit
	End of Work (VA), (STA)	di-di-dah-di-dah
	Wait Sign (AS)	di-dah-di-dit
	Invitation to Transmit (K)	dah-di-dah
	Sign indicating test	di-di-dah
	Break (BK)	dah-di-di-dah-di-dah
	Distance (DX)	dah-di-di-dah-di-di-dah
	Fine business, excellent (FB)	di-di-dah-di-di-di-dit
	Old Man (OM)	dah-dah-dah-dah



#### International Morse Code

What is it?
Why do we use it?
How is the code related to voice transmission?

signals are all made up of combinations of short and long sounds known today. The letters of the alphabet, numerals, punctuation marks and to most of us; this was the beginning of the codes as we think of them to send messages over long distances (beyond the range of the human civilization used at least two forms of telegraph which made it possible ing "far", plus the word "graph" meaning to send or to write. Early dashes, but was designed for use with a sounder or ticker, rather than your new Archer Code Course. The original American Morse Code used a code considerably different from the code you are to learn with ington to Baltimore telegraph line in 1844: "What hath God wrought?" as dots and dashes, respectively. The first message sent over the Wash-Samuel F. B. Morse and his work with the electric telegraph is familiar voice), by means of smoke signals and by beating drums. The story of tones or buzzes consists of dots and dashes, just as the International code uses dots and The word "telegraph" comes from the Greek word "tele" mean-

The International Morse Code is the language of radio operators the world over, and when you have learned to send and receive your new language, you will want to become a radio operator — amateur or commercial.

# WHY USE THE CODE?

If you pick up the telephone you will find it far simpler to converse with the person at the other end of the line using normal voice communication. It would be far more time consuming to send a message consisting of long and short bursts of sound. Voice communication (telephony) came long after the telegraph and while its basic principles are similar, telephony requires more equipment, is far more com-

plex, and occupies a greater amount of space in the audio-frequency spectrum than a single telegraph tone. A radiotelegraph transmitter is extremely simple in construction and operation. The distances over which code messages may be received is considerably greater than that covered by a radiotelephone transmitter using the same power. Further, code may be received through all types of radio interference, whereas a radiotelephone signal might be quickly lost in the noise.

The Archer Code Course comes in two forms, Record or Tape Cassette. The following are instructions for using either.

## CODE RECORD

This course is actually 3 courses on one 12-inch Disc. It may be played at 33½, 45 and 78 RPM, giving a code speed of 7 words per minute, 9 words per minute, and 14-15 words per minute, respectively. Use the slow speed first. After you have learned the alphabet and can copy reasonably well, use the higher speeds to increase your proficiency.

# CODE CASSETTE

This consists of 12 lessons, the first part is at a code speed of 7 words per minute with voice announcements prior to subsequent sections at 9 words per minute and 15 words per minute. The 9 and 15 word per minute sections are lesson 10 at the higher speeds. Use the slow speed first. After you have learned the alphabet and can copy reasonably well, use the higher speeds to increase your proficiency.

# LEARNING THE CODE

The letters, numerals and punctuation marks will be learned scientifically, in accordance with a particular pattern. The most important principle is to learn the letter, punctuation mark or numeral by the combinations of the short and long sounds of which International Morse Code is composed. These short and long sounds are represented by dots and dashes respectively when writing the code. However, when learning the code, think of the characters in terms of their sound—not in terms of the dots and dashes. The sound of the dot is "dit" while that of the dash is "dah". Thus, the letter A (·-) is actually "didah", sent consecutively with practically no space between these two individual sounds. The letter B (-···) is really "dahdididit". The letter C (-·-·) is "dahdidahdit". If you think in terms of dits and dahs, you'll be well on your way toward learning to copy each character as you hear it.

You have already learned three letters and you have also learned to send them. However, our code course will not take the letters alphabetically; rather, we shall learn the simplest letters first, then gradually build by adding those which are somewhat more difficult. Following

the teaching of each new letter, simple words will be sent, combining the new letter with those learned previously.

#### SPACING

The letter E (dit) is the basic unit of time in the International Morse Code, and is one time unit. The letter T (dah) is three times the length of the E or dit. The space between parts of a letter is equal to about one time unit; the space between letters equals three time elements, while the space between words is equivalent to five dits.

# THE INTERNATIONAL MORSE CODE ALPHABET

5	9	000	7	6	S	4	ω	2	1	NUMBER	NUMERALS	7	Y	×	W	V	U	T	S	R	0	P	0	Z	M	T	K	J	I	Н	G	71	H	D	C	В	A	LETTER
			!		•	•				COMPOSED OF:					1	:			•	:			:	:	:				•	••••			•				•	COMPOSED OF:
dahdahdahdahdah	dahdahdahdahdit	dahdahdahdidit	dahdahdididit	dahdidididit	didididit	dididididah	didididahdah	dididahdahdah	didahdahdahdah	SOUNDS LIKE		dahdahdidit	dahdidahdah	dahdididah	didahdah	didididah	dididah	dah	dididit	didahdit	dahdahdidah	didahdahdit	dahdahdah	dahdit	dahdah	didahdidit	dahdidah	didahdahdah	didit	didididit	dahdahdit	dididahdit	dit	dahdidit	dahdidahdit	dahdididit	didah	SOUNDS LIKE

In order to distinguish the numeral zero from the letter O, the zero is represented by the 0 with a diagonal line drawn through it (0).

6, 0

#### **PUNCTUATION** Quotation marks Question mark Fraction bar CHARACTER Apostrophe Parentheses Dollar sign Semicolon Hyphen Comma Error Period V Colon COMPOSED OF: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ..... ..... ..... ..... ...... ...... ..... ..... 110011 di*dahdahdahdah*dit dahdidahdahdidah dahdahdididahdah dahdahdahdididit dahdidahdidahdit dididahdididah didahdidahdidah dididididididit didahdididahdit dididahdahdidit dahdididididah SOUNDS LIKE dahdididahdit

# SOME SPECIAL SIGNALS

Wait sign (AS)	Received, ok	Test letter (V)	call (SOS)	International distress	End of work SK	(go ahead)	Invitation to transmit	Attention	AR (end of message)	CHARACTER COMPOSED OF:
didahdididit	didahdit	didididah	- · · · didididahdahdahdidic		didididahdidah	dahdidah		dahdidahdidah	didahdidahdit	F: SOUNDS LIKE

# HOW TO STUDY CODE

tion marks) reveals that no two are alike. Thus, when you hear a particular combination of "dits" and "dahs", the character formed by that combination immediately pops into your mind and you write it An examination of the code (alphabet, numerals and punctua-

tired or if your mind wanders, forget it - go back to it again later. your practice sessions in smaller bits - half hour in the morning, and the remaining half hour in the afternoon or evening. If you become Spend perhaps one hour a day on code. You might even take

a particular copying speed. Don't worry about speed - copy slowly and carefully. Do not make corrections in your copy; if you miss a letter forget it. Speed will take care of itself — accuracy is more important. put in on code practice will determine just how quickly you arrive at new language and this requires constant daily practice. The time you There is no substitute for practice. You are actually learning a

#### SENDING

translate its message into code characters, aloud or to yourself. the rhythmic patterns you hear on the record. When you see a sign letters in terms of their "dits" and "dahs" aloud or to yourself, imitating record. However, you may actually begin sending by speaking the some of the letters and numbers. You will begin by copying from the leave this phase of your Archer Code Course until you have mastered Thus far, we haven't mentioned the sending key, and we plan to

be sent as dadididit, C as dahdidahdit, etc. for the same reason. dah, you will actually be sending the letters E and T. Similarly, B should dit dah, but as didah. If you provide a space between the dit and the require a definite sense of rhythm. Thus, the letter A is not sent as It will not take long before you are aware that the code characters

#### LESSON NO. 1

In this first lesson we shall learn: E I S H 5 T M O

dit With your record player set to 331/3 rpm, listen to the first 5 characters

- didit
- dididit
- dididididit

didididit

ш = SSS エエエ 5 5 5

Copy the tollowing in groups of 5 characters SIHE HIESE SSEIH EEIIS

EI5E

lesson No. 1 and write down what you hear. Check your copy with the characters fixed in your mind. Close the instruction manual; play this part at mastered these. the next group. Do not go ahead to new letters and symbols until you have manual; when you have made an exact copy 3 times, you are ready to go to Replay the first part of Lesson No. 1 until you have all of these "dit"

Listen to:

- dah
- 0 dahdah dahdahdah
- dahdahdahdah × × × 000

0 0 0

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Copy the following in groups of 5 characters

MOTOT OIBL MOTOM 0010 MOTTO TWBW TOTOT 01010

letter to make a total count of 5 characters. group containing two numerals or punctuation marks would have just a single language. The same rule applies to punctuation marks and to signals. Thus, a This means that each number is the equivalent of 2 letters when copying plain Note that in groups containing a numeral, there are just 4 characters.

national Morse Code words which follow will provide your first copy in plain language in Inter-You have now learned 7 letters plus 2 numbers (5 and  $\mathcal{B}$ ). The simple

SHE SEE 픜

### LESSON NO. 2

We shall now learn: A N R K 1 (one) L F U V 9.

Listen to:

didah

dahdit

R.Z. didahdit

dahdidah

didahdahdahdah

AAA Z Z Z RRR ス ス ス

Copy the following in groups of 5 characters:

ARNAK NNAAR RAANK 155

characters fixed in your mind. Check your copy with the manual; when you have 3 perfect copies, continue with the second half of Lesson 2. Follow the procedure outlined in Lesson No. 1 until you have these

Listen to:

didahdidit

dididahdit

dididah

C < didididah

dahdahdahdit

Copy the following in groups of 5 characters: FFF UUU V V V 999

LUV9 FYLUF V9LU 9VFV

outlined above before going on to Lesson No. 3. You have now learned 15 letters plus 4 numbers. Follow the procedure

Copy the following words:

HORN SMOKE STROKE HARNESS HILLS

## LESSON NO. 3

We shall now learn: B D G X Z 6 W J P C Q Y 7

Listen to:

dahdididit

Ō dahdidit

9 dahdahdit

dahdididah

dahdahdidit

dahdidididit

BBB DDD 666 ××× Z 0 0 0

Copy the following in groups of 5 characters:

XZBDG GXGZX DGBXZ 6GZX

have 3 perfect copies, continue with the second half of Lesson No. 3. characters fixed in your mind. Check your copy with the manual; when you Follow the procedure outlined in Lesson No. 1 until you have these

Listen to:

didahdah

didahdahdah

didahdahdit

dahdidahdit

Q dahdidahdah dahdahdidah

dahdahdididit

WWW JJJ PPP 000 ව ව ව ~

Copy the following in groups of 5 characters:

YJPQY QPYJQ QCWYJ WJYQC 7CQW

Lesson No. 4. the numerals. Follow the procedure outlined above before going on to You have now learned all of the 26 letters of the alphabet plus 6 of

Copy the following words:

PRAY SLAY QUITE PHONE YOUNG ZOOM QUICK WOW

### **LESSON NO. 4**

down. In order to make up this square of 25 letters, copy the first 5 letters in cryptography. A cryptogram is a square of 5 letters across and 5 letters sense, but reading the columns from top to bottom yields 5 common 5-letter until the fifth group of 5 is under the fourth line. Reading across will make no across, the next 5 under the first 5, the third under the second group of 5, etc., groups of 5, we say that we are copying "coded groups", which are used English words. We shall now learn to copy cryptograms. When we copy letters in

SPBGP AOAIA SDSSE TUSPC ERRRL Copy the following crytograms: CNOPS ETTEP 1011 LRILR SPPSC ESNXR LTAEE PALNI APCAD PZEZZ NYFII AALOR ETFNA VRIUE RPCMG

#### LESSON NO. 5

Listen to:

We shall now learn: 2

ယ

4

WN dididahdahdah

didididahdah

dididididah

4 00 dahdahdahdidit

1 to 5 inclusive: Copy the following in groups of five numerals, reviewing the numbers

have three perfect copies, continue with the second half of Lesson No. 5. characters fixed in your mind. Check your copy with the manual; when you 1 2 3 4/5 Fóllow the procedure outlined in Lesson No. 1 until you have these 54321 23514 41325 5 5 2 3 4

Listen to:

dahdidididit

dahdahdididit

70 dahdahdahdidit

900 dahdahdahdit

8 dahdahdahdah

Copy the following in groups of 5:

lined above before going on to Lesson No. 6. You have now learned all of the numerals. Follow the procedure out-

Copy the following in groups of 5 numerals:

N 26357 49513

### LESSON NO. 6

error sign apostrophe fraction bar dollar sign hyphen parentheses colon semicolon decimal point quotation marks We shall now learn: period comma question mark double dash

	Listen to:		
<	period	0	didahdidahdidah
6	comma	S	dahdahdididahdah
(	question mark	(રે)	dididahdahdidit
(	double dash*		dahdididah
	hyphen	①	<u>dah</u> didididah
	parentheses	C	dahdidahdahdidah
	colon	€	dahdah dah dididit

hyphen parentheses parentheses colon colon colon question mark double dash double dash hyphen period period period comma comma question mark question mark hyphen

Copy the following punctuation marks:

comma double dash period colon comma question mark hyphen colon comma parentheses

The double dash is known as the "break" signal, and it is often used in place of a period — a pause between ideas, and even between sentences. The and the double dash or "break". most commonly used punctuation marks are: period, comma, question mark

when you have 3 perfect copies, continue with the second half of Lesson No. 6. punctuation marks fixed in your mind. Check your copy with the manual Follow the procedure outlined in Lesson No. 1 until you have these

dollar sign	fraction bar	apostrophe	error sign	quotation mark	decimal point*	semicolon	Listen to:
(\$)	S	3		(3)	. 0	3	
didididahdididah	dahdididahdit	didahdahdahdit	dididididididit	di <b>dah</b> dididahdit	didahdit	dahdidahdidahdit	

fraction bar dollar sign dollar sign error sign apostrophe apostrophe apostrophe traction bar fraction bar quotation mark quotation mark semicolon semicolon decimal point decimal point decimal point error sign error sign

Copy the following punctuation marks:

semicolon decimal point quotation mark error sign apostrophe dollar sign fraction bar

\*The decimal point and the letter R are the same.



## LESSON NO. 7

are ready to copy text material. Close the instruction manual and copy the following transmission: Now that you know all letters, numerals and punctuation marks, you

yov error you the International Morse Code. Archer announces the following: A new all-in-one training aid to teach

Note that the error sign (didididididididi) was used in this text.

Lesson No. 8. Follow the procedure outlined in Lesson No. 1 before going on to

#### LESSON NO. 8

Best Regards (73) (go ahead) communications: End of Message (AR) (letter V) We shall now learn the most commonly used signals employed in code Received, ok (R) End of Work (SK) ~ International Distress Call (SOS) Wait (AS) General Call to All Stations (CQ) Attention Invitation to Transmit

End of Message AR Attention Invitation to Listen to: didahdidahdit dahdidahdidah

End of work Transmit dahdidah

International 5/2 didididahdidah

Received, ok distress call didididahdahdididiti didididah didahdit

General call to AS

all stations

dahdidahdahdidah didahdididi

Test call End of message End of message Attention Attention all stations General call to all stations transmit End of work End of work International distress Attention Received, ok Received, ok Wait Wait International distress call International distress call Test Best regards Invitation to transmit dahdahdididit didididahdah Best regards General call to all stations Invitation to transmit Best regards General call to Invitation to Test

Copy the following signals:

to transmit International distress call Test Best regards Attention End of work General call to all stations Invitation

> have 3 perfect copies, continue with the second half of Lesson No. 8. characters fixed in your mind. Check your copy with the manual; when you Follow the procedure outlined in Lesson No. 1, until you have these

Copy the following:

## CQ CQ CQ DE WIABC WIABC WIABC K

the French "des". The letter V is sometimes used for "from" or "this is" (DE). This combination of D and E means "from" or "this is", and comes from to communicate with his station. Note that we have introduced another signal This is the general call, transmitted by a station W1ABC, inviting anyone

#### LESSON NO. 9

but go along to the next letter. gram will be devoted to increasing your code speed. Be sure to copy what you hear. If you make an error, forget it; do not go back to correct a mistake The remainder of your Basic International Morse Code Training Pro-

Copy the following tube type numbers:

832A, 829B, 4CX25ØB and 4X5ØØA AR 1B3GT, 2C34, 3B28, 814A, 4E27A, 2D21, 5BP1, 6A3, 717A, 841, 849,

write down a collection of auto license numbers consisting of numerals and half of Lesson 9 along with all previous lessons. letters and practice sending these combinations. You may also send the first With your sending key, send type numbers from a tube manual, or

## LESSON NO. 10

each column from top to bottom yields 5 plain English words. of 25 letters or a cryptogram. Reading across will make no sense, but reading Copy the following coded groups, 5 across and 5 down, to form a square

SPFEL	TMLNL	NUEOI	ELHLP	CSSAS	PKTS	R'C I MI	IIBOM	HHAT	CCHA	
					S	_	<b>S</b>	1	_	
20	"	_	>	,	"	_	7	1	-	
FEGT	SRCNS	ONIE	MHARR	SDBC	SLENH	DLCES	NENVA	AHIEB	HSSSA	

000	,	001477
SSNSS		SUNDER
TTIIP		LNGEE
SLAGA		IIIEE
IETEE	IEWEL	ALLTH
LMSBL		TBASS

Follow the procedure outlined in Lesson 1 until you can copy the first half of Lesson 10 perfectly 3 times. Then continue with the second half of Lesson No. 10.

The following cryptograms are for the second half of this lesson.

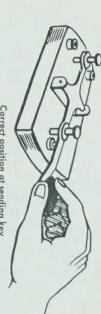
MSS SS	IMI AG	AGMGS	TRSSS	NEDED	-VINN	00000	PRABB.	
TSSOS	ASADA	CCB RR	SRSST	AEREE	EVAXI	REEOU	ANYBQ	

# LEARNING TO SEND

As you have practiced continually each day, you have, no doubt, already gotten hold of a sending key, a buzzer and a battery. If you have followed the instructions at the beginning of this manual, you have learned to speak the letters, numerals, punctuations and signals aloud, and you have already gotten the rhythm of these characters fixed in your mind. If you are at all musically inclined, you will have little or no difficulty in learning to send with a telegraph key.

A good key is a worthwhile investment — don't buy a toy telegraph set if you're seriously interested in learning the code. The sending key should be connected to a battery and buzzer as shown in the illustration below, or it may be connected to a code practice oscillator equipped with a speaker or headset.

The key should be fastened to a heavy base, or it may be mounted to a tabletop by means of woodscrews, and the key knob should be about 18-20 inches from the edge of the table facing you. Place your



Correct position at sending key

elbow on the table on a line with the key lever, and at a point so that the thumb of your right hand is on the left edge of the key knob. The index finger is at the far edge of the knob, while the middle finger is at the right edge. The other two fingers curve naturally under the palm, and around the knob on the right (See illustration). The wrist should be about 1½ inches above the tabletop and the pressure of the forearm, not the wrist or the fingers does the sending.

Start practicing by sending the letter E, and space properly. Send a series of E's, maintaining proper spacing. Send slowly and evenly—accuracy is more important than speed. Speed will come later. Then send the I, then the S, the H and the 5. When you can send dots (dits) evenly, take the dash (dah) letters. If possible, play the record and send along with it. Send each lesson as it is recorded. Remember, speed comes later, accuracy is more important now. NEVER SEND FASTER THAN YOU CAN RECEIVE. Good luck.

